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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 55.1 degrees, 1.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 13. Precipitation averaged 0.46 inches, 0.15 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 2 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 13. This is 1 day more than last year and 0.2 days more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 14 percent very short, 35 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	5.7	5.3	134.2
2001	4.7	6.1	132.8
1997-2001 Average	5.5	5.3	137.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	14	35	48	3
Last Week	16	32	49	3
Same Week Last Year	5	19	63	13
1997-2001 Average	7	23	64	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

Combines continued to roll all across the Buckeye State last week as producers made good progress harvesting both corn and soybeans. As of Sunday evening, 22 percent of the **Corn** acreage had been harvested for grain, slightly behind the State's five-year average pace but five percentage points ahead of last year. Eighty-seven percent of the acreage is considered mature, two percentage points behind both last

year and the five-year average. An additional 26 percent of the **Soybean** acreage was harvested last week bringing the overall total to 59 percent. Reporters rated 95 percent of the acreage mature, in line with last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Reported yields continue to be highly variable. In addition to harvesting activities, producers made good progress with **Winter wheat** planting. As of Sunday evening, 72 percent of the intended acreage had been seeded, well ahead of last year and the five-year average. One reason for the fast pace is that producers are planting wheat in fields that they were unable to plant to either corn or soybeans this past spring. Thirty-two percent of the acreage has emerged compared to 11 percent at this same time last year and 19 percent for the five-year average. Recent moisture has helped get the crop off to an excellent start. Many of those not harvesting row crops or planting winter wheat continued cutting hay last week. Eighty-five percent of the **Alfalfa** acreage has been harvested for the fourth time, up seven percentage points from the previous week. Ninety-five percent of the third cutting of all **Other hay** is complete, on pace with the State's five-year average. Due to decreased hay production this year, some livestock producers are baling corn stalks and some are being allowed to harvest hay from their CRP acreage. **Potato** harvest is quickly winding down with only 3 percent of the acreage left to be completed. **Apple** and **Grape** producers continue to make good progress with 73 percent and 86 percent harvested respectively. An additional 7 percent of the **Tobacco** crop was stripped last week. Other agricultural activities taking place included, spreading lime and fertilizer, working ground, harvesting pumpkins, spreading manure, and cleaning grain bins.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Recent rains continue to help improve both pastures and hay fields. Fifty-two percent of the State's hay acreage is now rated in fair-to-good condition, up three percentage points from the previous week. Forty-nine percent of pastures are rated in fair-to-good condition, up 6 percent from the previous week. The main reason pastures are not rated as high as hay is due to continued grazing. Last week's freezing temperatures should help alleviate some of the insect pressure on livestock.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	85	82	NA	78	NA
Corn mature	87	89	89	71	92
Corn harvested for grain	22	17	24	15	28
Corn silage harvested	98	92	86	94	NA
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	73	74	73	55	NA
Grape acreage harvested	86	84	85	75	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	95	92	95	90	NA
Potatoes harvested	97	95	96	88	NA
Soybeans mature	95	94	92	78	NA
Soybeans harvested	59	64	64	33	31
Sugarbeets harvested	50	2	NA	27	NA
Tobacco stripped	15	15	9	8	NA
Winter wheat planted	72	64	63	40	64
Winter wheat emerged	32	11	19	9	38

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	28	31	29	11	1
Previous Week	28	31	29	11	1
Previous Year	4	11	29	42	14
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	23	23	36	16	2
Previous Week	22	28	34	15	1
Previous Year	1	8	37	44	10
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	22	28	36	13	1
Previous Week	26	31	32	11	0
Previous Year	4	16	36	36	8
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	23	29	36	11	1
Previous Week	23	29	36	11	1
Previous Year	3	11	28	43	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	54.2	1.0	0.08	-0.48	18.68	-3.30	55	2	3366	369
North Central	54.3	1.0	0.03	-0.53	20.33	-2.43	53	2	3345	394
Northeast	53.3	0.8	0.07	-0.70	22.54	-1.69	48	-1	3074	295
West Central	55.1	1.0	0.12	-0.46	23.53	-0.04	55	-3	3519	392
Central	55.5	1.1	0.34	-0.21	22.88	-1.10	57	-3	3506	346
Central Hills	54.3	1.4	0.15	-0.47	22.02	-2.10	51	-1	3308	380
Northeast Hills	53.7	0.2	0.27	-0.37	21.04	-2.93	47	-7	3313	343
Southwest	56.4	1.0	0.53	-0.08	28.82	3.90	59	-5	3670	367
South Central	57.5	1.9	1.66	1.07	25.43	1.76	67	-1	3694	347
Southeast	55.8	1.5	0.99	0.35	24.40	0.39	60	-1	3492	346
STATE	55.1	1.1	0.46	-0.15	23.11	-0.60	56	-2	3444	357

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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